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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2001.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1-12, 24-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The specification does not explicitly describe how to store the updated boot code onto a read only memory. One skilled in the art in using the invention would go through extensive experimentation in determining how to store data onto a medium that is read-only. Claims will be treated as if the read only memory is a generic memory for purposes of applying prior art.

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 14-18, 27 recite limitations involving binary executable boot code and authentications. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The parent claims 13 and 26 contain only a processor and a memory unit coupled to the processor.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 13, 23, 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by US Patent No 3461432 to Keiter et al (Keiter).

- As per claim 13, Keiter discloses a system comprising:
 - A processor (11); and
 - A memory unit coupled to said processor (20).

Keiter teaches a memory that can store information (column 1, lines 66-69). Thus the system taught by Keiter would be operable to store the program claimed in the instant application.

- As per claim 23, Keiter discloses a system comprising:
 - A server (column 1, lines 39-42); and
 - A plurality of terminals coupled to said server (column 1, lines 39-44);

Wherein said server comprises:

- A processor (11); and
- A memory unit coupled to said processor (20).

- As per claim 26, Keiter discloses a system comprising:
 - A processor (11); and

- A memory unit coupled to said processor (20).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 12, 19-20, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No 6609154 to Fuh et al (Fuh), in view of US Patent No 6732267 to Wu et al (Wu).

- As per claim 1, Fuh discloses a method for updating authentications in terminals from a central site comprising the steps of:

- Identifying a file (400) associated with another file to update (432), wherein another file in said file comprises a first authentication (column 10, lines 55-59);
- Updating said first authentication in another file in said file to become a second authentication (732);
- Identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file (identifying 210 is inherent based on the updating of the authentication), wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a memory (108) configured to store the file comprising the first authentication (732 holds the first authentication; memory to store this file is inherent);
- Updating said file in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file (732), wherein, upon updating the file in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said file

comprising said second authentication in memory (108; inherent that the new authentication information is stored in memory).

Fuh fails to disclose a file that is binary executable boot code. Wu teaches a method wherein BIOS is updated (column 1, lines 30-35). It would have been advantageous to update the BIOS because the system can take advantage of new features and can support new hardware (column 1, lines 30-35). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to incorporate the teachings of Wu with Fuh to update authentications in BIOS. Motivation to combine is the advantage of being able to support new features and hardware. BIOS and binary executable boot code are art-identified equivalents and as such can be substituted for one another.

- As per claim 2, Fuh discloses a method wherein said file in each of said one or more identified terminals is updated via a network (405). Fuh fails to disclose the file being a binary executable boot code. Wu teaches updating a BIOS (column 1, lines 30-35), which is an art-identified equivalent of binary executable boot code.
- As per claim 3, Fuh discloses a method wherein said file in each of said one or more identified terminals is updated via a storage medium (218). Fuh fails to disclose the file being a binary executable boot code. Wu teaches updating a BIOS (column 1, lines 30-35), which is an art-identified equivalent of binary executable boot code.
- As per claim 6, Fuh fails to disclose a file that is a Basic Input/Output System binary executable code. Wu teaches updating a file that is a Basic Input/Output System binary executable code (column 1, lines 30-35).

- As per claim 7, Fuh discloses a computer program product embodied in a machine readable medium for updating authentications in terminals from a central site comprising the programming steps of:
 - Identifying a file (400) associated with another file to update (432), wherein another file in said file comprises a first authentication (column 10, lines 55-59);
 - Updating said first authentication in another file in said file to become a second authentication (732);
 - Identifying one or more terminals to be updated with said updated file (identifying 210 is inherent based on the updating of the authentication), wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a memory (108) configured to store the file comprising the first authentication (732 holds the first authentication; memory to store this file is inherent);
 - Updating said file in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file (732), wherein, upon updating the file in each of said one or more identified terminals with said updated file, each of said one or more identified terminals stores said file comprising said second authentication in memory (108; inherent that the new authentication information is stored in memory).

Fuh fails to disclose a file that is binary executable boot code. Wu teaches a method wherein BIOS is updated (column 1, lines 30-35).

- As per claim 8, Fuh discloses a computer program product wherein said file in each of said one or more identified terminals is updated via a network (405). Fuh fails to disclose the file being a binary executable boot code. Wu teaches updating a BIOS (column 1, lines 30-35), which is an art-identified equivalent of binary executable boot code.

- As per claim 9, Fuh discloses a computer program product wherein said file in each of said one or more identified terminals is updated via a storage medium (218). Fuh fails to disclose the file being a binary executable boot code. Wu teaches updating a BIOS (column 1, lines 30-35), which is an art-identified equivalent of binary executable boot code.
- As per claim 12, Fuh fails to disclose a file that is a Basic Input/Output System binary executable code. Wu teaches updating a file that is a Basic Input/Output System binary executable code (column 1, lines 30-35).
- As per claim 19, Fuh discloses a system comprising:
 - A processor (104);
 - A memory unit coupled to said processor, wherein said memory unit is a memory unit (108), wherein said memory unit stores a file (432), wherein said file comprises an authentication (column 10, lines 55-59).

Fuh fails to disclose the file being a binary executable boot code. Wu teaches updating a BIOS (column 1, lines 30-35), which is an art-identified equivalent of binary executable boot code.

- As per claim 20, Fuh discloses a system wherein said memory is a flash memory unit (column 16, lines 44-51; Fuh teaches the interchangeability of these memory-types).
- As per claim 24, Fuh discloses a method for storing authentications in terminals from a central site comprising the steps of:
 - Creating a file (400; the initial file must inherently be created) comprising another file (432), wherein another file wherein another file in said file comprises a first authentication (column 10, lines 55-59);

- Identifying one or more terminals to store said file (identifying 210 is inherent based on the updating of the authentication), wherein each of said one or more terminals comprises a memory (108);
- Storing said file in said memory in each of said identified one or more terminals (732; updating is a means of storing information within another file), wherein each of said one or more identified terminals stores said file comprising said authentication in said memory (108; inherent that the new authentication information is stored in memory).

9. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuh, in view of Wu, and further in view of US Patent No 6757825 to MacKenzie et al (MacKenzie).

- As per claim 21, Fuh and Wu fail to teach an authentication that is a password. MacKenzie teaches a system wherein said authentication is a password (column 3, lines 23-25).

An added level of security is an advantage of the system taught by MacKenzie (column 3, lines 39-44). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Fuh, Wu, and MacKenzie. Motivation to combine is extra password security.

10. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuh, in view of Wu, and further in view of US Patent No 6725205 to Weiler et al (Weiler).

- As per claim 21, Fuh and Wu fail to teach an authentication that is a authentication number used to regulate software installation. Weiler teaches a system wherein said authentication is an authentication number used to permit installation of software (column 4, lines 26-31).

Enhancing system security is an advantage of the system taught by Weiler (column 2, lines 42-44). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Fuh, Wu, and Weiler. Motivation to combine is enhanced system security.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anand Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-7211. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne Browne can be reached on (571) 272-3670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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